

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INDICATORS FOR REFERRAL

Availability: Mon to Fri, 0730 -1600

Extension: Relevant number xxx

Pager: Number (Medical ward, ED, ICU) Number (Surgical Ward and Paediatrics)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- Assessment of Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- Cognitive and perceptual screening including referral post onset of delirium
- Pressure care seating and education
- Home set up review
- Assistive equipment prescription
- Falls prevention education
- Energy conservation education
- Hand therapy including splinting

REFERRAL INDICATORS:

- Any condition impacting ADL function
- Sudden or marked decline in ability to perform ADL
- Patient who lives alone and is not managing on the ward with ADL
- Acute neurological event, e.g. Stroke, TIA, Multiple Sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease
- PTA testing post head injury
- Recent changes in cognitive state, e.g. difficulty with short term memory, orientation, insight
- Falls / near falls in the home or hospital
- Hand injury/surgery
- Upper limb condition / injury / surgery leading to impairment to performing ADL
- Pressure care – Score of 10 or more on Waterlow Scale
- Patient requiring equipment for discharge (not walking aids)
- Change of mobility aid impacting on patient's ability to safely manage in their home environment

HOW TO REFER:

- Contact Occupational Therapy department by:
 - Speaking to us on the ward
 - Paging the ward pager as listed above
 - Phoning extension xxx with referral details